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Dear Phil and Joe:

We are in receipt of the letter from the California Central Valley Flood Control Association dated June 13 to the Delta Stewardship Council. On page 24 of that letter, they request that the Delta Plan include the following statutory change

“The Council should recommend the Legislature approve legislation to eliminate the sunset date (July 1, 2013) on the existing Delta Levees Program as currently defined, Water Code Section 12986 and 12987.5, since it has proven itself to be a successful and cost-effective program over the last 23 years. **Suggested amendment to Water Code 12986(d): This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2013, and, as of January 1, 2014, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.**”

We agree that the Delta Levees Program, as administered by the Department of Water Resources, has been effective in reducing flood risk in the Delta. We support an extension of the program until 2020, giving time for the Legislature to decide whether to continue the current subventions program. This would allow the use of funds that are already available from existing bonds. At this time, we take no position on any future funding for the program, either from bonds or any other funding source.

Sincerely,

Jerry Meral

cc: Melinda Terry  
Tom Zuckerman

